

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio Community Correction Facility Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023

Mission Statement

The mission of the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio is to assist youth and their families in making positive changes that contribute to improved functioning in the home environment, while protecting the community. In collaboration with Courts, families, and other outside service providers, the facility seeks to individualize each youth's treatment and enhance pro-social skill development.

Governing Counties

Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood.

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio is in Bowling Green, Ohio, inside of Wood County. JRCNWO operates as a 42-bed facility, consisting of male felony offenders. As part of the individualized treatment process, youth and families are offered a variety of services, some of which are listed below.

- Individual and Family Counseling
- Monthly Parent Group's aimed at supporting the parents of the youth placed to improve parenting skills, insight into community supervision needs, and overall improvement of the parent/child relationship.
- Problematic Sexual Behavior, Substance Abuse, and Social Conduct Group Treatment
- Cognitive Behavioral Groups including:
-Thinking for a Change, Advanced Practices, Skill Streaming, Thinking Errors, and Options to Anger
- EMDR (Eye-Movement, Desensitization, and Re-Processing) Counseling.
- Self-Group (Safety, Emotions, Loss, Future) Group interventions addressing trauma experiences of youth who are placed.
- Non-Denominational Religious Services, as well as Individualized Pastoral Services.
- Physical Fitness Activities
- Community Service Programs
- In-Person Academic Instruction, provided year-round by the Wood County Educational Center.
- Transitional and Re-Entry Services.

Part Two Youth Demographics:

Age at Admission

FY 2023										
Facility	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total	Average Age
Northwest	2	4	8	8	8	9	4	0	43	14

Race Demographics

FY 2023							
Facility	White	Black	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Other	Total
Northwest	33	5	0	0	0	5	43

Gender Demographics: Special Note- JRCNWO is an all-male facility.

FY 2023			
Facility	Male	Female	Total
Northwest	43	0	43

Offense Specifics by Felony Level

FY 2023						
Facility	Felony One	Felony Two	Felony Three	Felony Four	Felony Five	Total
Northwest	9	3	9	13	9	43

JRC Admissions by County for Fiscal Year 2023:

Governing Counties Admissions:

FY 2023 - Total Admissions for Governing Counties											
Facility	Defiance	Fulton	Hancock	Henry	Ottawa	Paulding	Putnam	Van Wert	Williams	Wood	Total
Northwest	10	0	4	0	1	1	4	0	5	4	29

Outside Catchment Area Admissions:

FY 2023 - Total Admissions for Outside Catchment Area									
Facility	Allen	Auglaize	Ashland	Hamilton	Mercer	Lake	Licking	Portage	Total
Northwest	2	2	1	1	1	1	5	1	14

Total Admissions FY 2023: 43

Discharges from Fiscal Year 2023:

FY 2023 - Discharges			
Successful Discharges	Unsuccessful Discharges	Maximum Benefit	Total
27	11	5	43

Interventions and Treatment Services

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio offers individualized treatment services based upon a youth's specific needs and assessment results, and is committed to utilizing treatment curriculum that is supported by research, often developed from the University of Cincinnati, and then utilized in practice at the facility.

Family Interventions Services

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio partnering with Juvenile Courts, requires the parents of each youth to participate in family counseling services. On average, sessions are held every 21 days. In addition to family counseling, parents participate in a monthly parent group that is intended to compliment the treatment program received by the youth. The goal of the support group is to educate parents on specific treatment topics, and to assist parents and youth returning to their home environment in having a more productive relationship with their parents/guardians. In addition, residents receive one in-person, one virtual visit, and one phone call per week from approved family members. It should be noted the facility also utilizes video conferencing which assists in coordinating family counseling and visits for parents who are unable to get to the facility.

FY 2023 Family Visitations and Home Passes

FY 2023 – Visitation Statistics			
Facility	Family Visitation on Site	Number of Home Passes	Number of Family Sessions
Northwest	2794	364	447

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment

All residents are required to attend individual mental health sessions on a weekly basis with their assigned counselors. Residents are referred to community mental health providers and psychological or psychiatric services as needed.

All residents are required to attend Thinking for a Change group, which is an integrated, cognitive behavioral change program for youth. The group includes topics related to cognitive restructuring, social skill development and the development of problem-solving skills. In addition, residents participate in groups with a variety of topics that are based on their individualized treatment plan; those groups include topics covering anger management, trauma, social skills, and identifying and correcting thinking errors.

Problematic Substance Abuse Treatment

Residents with current substance abuse issues attend group two times per week. This intervention relies on a cognitive-behavioral approach to teach participants strategies for avoiding substance abuse and success planning for the future. The program places heavy emphasis on skill-building activities to assist with cognitive, social, emotional, and coping skill development. The components of the curriculum include Cognitive Restructuring, Emotional Regulation, Social Skills, Problem Solving and Success Planning. The primary curriculum used in this group is Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse; obtained from the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute.

FY 2023 – Mental Health and Substance Abuse Group Statistics			
Facility	Mental Health	Substance Abuse	Individual Sessions
Northwest	6569.7 hours	868.8 hours	2,031 hours

Sexual Behavior and Gender Specific Programming

Residents who are identified with a need for sexual behavior treatment are referred to attend and complete sexual behavior treatment group while in placement. This group covers a wide range of topics including honesty and accountability, healthy sexual boundaries, impulse control, victim empathy, and success planning.

FY 2023 – Sexual Behavior Treatment Statistics		
Facility	Sexual Behavior Treatment	Gender Specific Programming
Northwest	1771 hours	Not Offered

Assessments

OYAS

The Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) Residential tool is completed on all residents entering the facility. The tool provides residential programs the ability to accurately assess youth level of risk along with areas of criminogenic need. The Residential tool addresses seven domain areas that include Juvenile Justice History, Family, Peers, Education/Employment, Pro-Social Skills, Substance Abuse/Mental Health/Personality and Values/Beliefs and Attitudes. It should be noted that the OYAS is specifically designed to address criminogenic factors and does not address treatment needs for youth adjudicated of a sexual offense. The youth adjudicated of a sexual offense typically score lower on the OYAS which is not reflective of their true risk level.

The Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) Re-Entry tool is completed on all residents who successfully complete the program. The Re-Entry tool provides programs an opportunity to reassess youth after being in a residential program for an extended period. The Re-Entry assesses the same domains as the Residential Tool, but is scored based on the youth’s progress in their treatment. The Re-Entry tool is used in conjunction with post program supervision to ensure successful transition to the community.

FY 2023 – OYAS Assessment Results at Admission Statistics			
Facility	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Northwest	2	31	10

FY 2023 – OYAS Assessment Results at Successful Discharge Statistics			
Facility	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Northwest	20	11	1

PROFESOR

The Protective + Risk Observations For Eliminating Sexual Offense Recidivism (PROFESOR) is a structured checklist to assist professionals in identifying and summarizing protective and risk factors for adolescents and emerging adults (i.e. individuals aged 12 to 25) who have offended sexually. It is intended to assist with planning interventions that can help individuals to enhance their capacity for sexual and relationship health and, thus, eliminate sexual recidivism. It is important to note that it is designed to assess a person’s current functioning, which this instrument determines to be during the previous two months

FY 2023 – PROFESOR Assessment Results at Admission Statistics			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	1	16	7

FY 2023 – PROFESOR Assessment Results at Successful Discharge Statistics			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	11	3	1

YNPS

The Youth Needs and Progress Scale (YNPS) is a 22-item rating scale designed to help identify risk-relevant intervention needs, and track progress toward resolving those needs, among individuals aged 12 to 25 who have engaged in abusive sexual behavior. *Abusive sexual behavior* includes contact or noncontact nonconsenting, coercive, and/or assaultive sexual activities and sexual behavior involving significantly younger persons.

FY 2023 – YNPS Assessment Results at Admission Statistics			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	1	16	7

FY 2023 – YNPS Assessment Results at Successful Discharge Statistics			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	11	3	1

Additional Assessments

It should be noted the following assessments are completed on all youth admitted to the facility.

The HIT (How I Think): Measures Cognitive Distortions, comprised of Self Centeredness, Blaming Others, Minimizing/Mislabeling, and Assuming the Worst.

The MAYSI-II (Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument): Measures traumatic experiences, alcohol and drug use, anger, depression, and suicide ideations.

The JASAE (Juvenile Automated Substance Abuse Survey): assesses drug and alcohol issues and establishes need for treatment.

The ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience): assesses for past exposure of adverse childhood events.

The URICA (University of Rhode Island Change Assessment): assesses for what level of internal motivation to change the youth possesses at point of assessment.

The CAS (Clinical Anger Scale): assesses for levels of clinical anger that need to be addressed through treatment interventions.

Average Length of Stay

FY 2023 – Average Length of Stay Statistics				
Facility	Problematic Sexual Behavior Treatment Track	Problematic Substance Abuse Treatment Track	Problematic Social Conduct Treatment Track	Total Average Length of Stay
Northwest	370 days- 12.3 months	305 days- 10.2 months	291 days- 9.7 months	335 days- 11.2 months

Educational Services

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio partners with the Wood County Educational Service Center to provide academic instruction to residents year-round. The Wood County Educational Service Center is accredited by the State of Ohio as an educational provider through the Ohio Department of Education. Residents earn ¼ Carnegie Unit for each class, per grading period, and the credits are referred to the resident’s district of record. The home district issues the credits for the permanent transcript. All youth receive 30 hours of academic instruction per week. School is in session 230 days a year. Students are tested at admission and discharge using the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)-(M9 complete battery), test to track academic growth.

The teaching staff include a full time Intervention Specialist, who is responsible for the IEP and ETR documents for all students at JRC as well as three academic secondary teachers offering educational curriculum for students grades 6-12.

All the teachers, as well as the Education Coordinator, have a Master of Education Degree, many with advanced course work.

Credit Recovery is offered to high school students who have failed a course from their home school. This is administered by an ESC teacher and the cost of School PLP program and license per student is paid for by the Wood County Educational Service Center, with no additional cost to the student or their family.

State of Ohio End of Course testing, EOC, is administered to JRC students at the request of the home school district. ACT testing can be arranged with the home school administration proctoring the exam to their student at JRC.

The academic calendar and Superintendent's Agreement are shared with over 170 school districts located in Ohio Counties that have placed students at JRC in the past. This enables the Treasurer to prepare for a potential placement of a youth at JRC.

High School Credit and GED Enhancement: As an additional note, residents earn $\frac{1}{4}$ Carnegie Unit for each class, per grading period, and the credits are referred to the resident's district of record. The home district issues the credits for the permanent transcript.

FY 2023 – Academic Statistics			
Facility	Students Served	Enrolled in a GED program	Earned GED
Northwest	43	0	0

Reading/Language/Spelling Enhancement:

FY 2023 – Academic Grade Level Statistics				
Facility	No Change in Grade Level	Improved up to a $\frac{1}{2}$ Grade Level	Improved $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 Grade Level	Improved More than 1 Grade Level
Northwest	7	1	2	5

Mathematics Enhancement:

FY 2023 – Academic Grade Level Statistics				
Facility	No Change in Grade Level	Improved up to a $\frac{1}{2}$ Grade Level	Improved $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 Grade Level	Improved More than 1 Grade Level
Northwest	6	1	0	8

Credit Recovery:

FY 2023 – Academic Statistics		
Facility	Number of Youth Enrolled in Credit Recovery	Credits Earned
Northwest	10	17

Facility Operations:

ODYS provides funding and fiscal support for all eleven CCF's, for both operating expenses and capital renovation and construction.

Fiscal:

FY 2023 – Fiscal Statistics				
Facility	Funded Beds	Total Operating Budget	Per Diem	Non-General Revenue (NSLA)
Northwest	42	\$2,778,815.82	\$181.27	\$0

FY 2023 – Fiscal-Capital		
Facility	Capital Money	Purpose of Funds
Northwest	\$0	N/A

Summary of Serious Incident Reports:

FY 2023 – Serious Incident Report										
Facility	Restraint	Suicide Attempts	Assault	Sexual	Room Confinement	Medical	AWOL	Other	Drugs	Total
Northwest	Mechanical: 0 Physical: 1	1	1	0	Self-Secure: 26 Time Out: 33 Extended: 14 Isolation: 0	5	0	0	0	81

- In July and August 2022, Mrs. Stuart was trained in the treatment modality of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). This modality has been widely researched and endorsed as a non-traditional therapeutic method to address trauma. Residents in need of trauma-informed care are identified either by their Counselor or by their referring Court. Additionally, Mrs. Stuart passed her Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW) exam in April of 2023.
- In July 2022, Ms. Kelly Ash, LSW, was hired as a facility Counselor. She is a 2012 graduate of Ashland University and is a Licensed Social Worker. She has extensive experience in facilitating substance abuse, cognitive behavioral, and support groups. Prior to employment at the facility, she was a forensic counselor at the Family Resource Center in Findlay, Ohio.
- In November 2022, Ms. Hannah Foos was hired as a facility Counselor. She has a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Bowling Green State University. Additionally, she has prior work experience with at-risk youth at the Children's Resource Center in Bowling Green, Ohio. Since being hired she has taken and passed her Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) exam.
- Mr. Jacob Stiles attended and was certified to be a lead instructor for Crisis Prevention Intervention. He attended a weeklong training course and is responsible for certifying staff in the use of non-violent crisis intervention techniques per the facility's use of force policy.
- Ms. Stefanie Fox, Nurse Practitioner, partners with Dr. Dood, the facility Medical Director, to assist with resident pharmacological needs. As a Dual Board-Certified Nurse Practitioner, she addresses issues dealing with prescribed medication or initiates the process of prescribing needed medication.
- Maintained a once per month consultation with Dr. Glenna Andrews, regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder youth and interventions most appropriate to help them be successful in treatment and in the community.
- Assisted the Center for FASD in their grant compliance by receiving consultation services provided by Bri Megyesi, as well as in-house training provided to facility staff and youth parents.
- Facility partnership with UPMC Psychological Services Center where they provide youth neuropsychological assessments.
- Community Service resumed with Park Services and Local Church Food Banks.
- Received ACA Recommendation Re-Accreditation in June of 2023, noting 100% compliance.
- Facility wide Program Philosophy training presented by JRC Administration held in June of 2023, focusing on duties/roles, facility expectations, and goals of JRCNWO as it relates to individualized treatment.

Quality of Life Activities for FY 2023:


- Toys for Tots: staff sponsored residents who were able to purchase toys using their reinforcement points. In total, youth were able to accompany staff in spending \$1200.
- In November 2022, Toledo Iron Workers Union gave youth a presentation regarding future employment opportunities post-graduation.
- "Art Cart" with holiday cards and ornaments provided to residents; they could make cards to send to family members, and ornaments to decorate their room doors.
- Youth completed the "Door Decorating Contest", as a Christmas activity.
- Presentation "The Truth about Sexting"; provided JRCNWO Counselors.

- Continued expansion of “point-store”, included a variety of food items, and activities aimed at improving youth mental health and emotion regulation.
- The facility continued the “homework hero’s”; monthly reward.

Facility Initiatives for FY 2024

- Maintain compliance with all Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards.
- Increase average daily population to 90% for FY 2024.
- Maintain compliance with the sexual behavior treatment program certification.
- Maintain compliance with American Correctional Association (ACA) standards.
- Continuing to evaluate and enhance assessment protocols for incoming and discharging youth.
- Maintain consultation with Dr. Andrews for assistance in developing individualized plans for residents who may have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).
- Work to implement initiatives from the Program Philosophy Training in everyday programming.
- Develop and maintain relationship with the Center for FASD to assess and diagnose youth with potential Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).
- Continue holding monthly cultural sensitivity groups.
- Maintain consultation with Dr. Andrews for assistance in developing individualized plans for residents who may have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).
- Maintain UTMC Psychological Services Center partnership for youth neuropsychological evaluations.

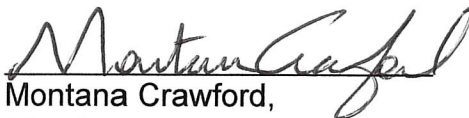
Respectfully Submitted,


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